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HOUSE APPROVES \$100,000 TO HELP EDGAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISH A GRAPHIC ARTS LAB

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved his request for \$100,000 in federal funds to help the Edgar School District establish a state-of-the-art graphic arts lab.

“Graphic art skills are highly marketable, and there is no better way to learn those skills than hands on training with the latest tools in a lab. So I’m glad the House approved my request for these funds to help the Edgar School District create a graphic arts lab to help teach our kids new skills,” said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Education.

Obey requested the funds in the FY08 Labor, Health, Education Appropriations Bill to help the School District transform a circa 1960’s Industrial Arts shop into a graphic arts lab complete with the technology and equipment appropriate to

teach: CNC lathe operation, computer design, graphic arts photography, laser engraving, modern welding, and plasma arc cutting.

However, the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law, Obey noted. “But having these funds included in the House approved version means we’ve overcome the first big hurdle,” he concluded.

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